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Members of the Committee:

I would like to introduce myself. I am a Diagnostic Radiologist who has spent my entire 30+ year career in this community. I am Chairman of the Department of Radiology, immediate past president of the medical staff of Caritas Good Samaritan Hospital and was president of the medical staff at the Cardinal Cushing Hospital. I am a past president of the Massachusetts Radiologic Society.

I would like to speak strongly in favor of the proposed acquisition of Caritas Christi Healthcare by Cerberus.

We have always attempted to provide the highest quality and cost effective medical care to our Brockton community. Over the past decades we have been quite successful in this endeavor. Cerberus Capital Management will infuse substantial funds such that Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center will be capable of fulfilling this mission now and well into the future. My specialty requires significant capital investment in order to provide state of the art imaging. We have long been leaders in imaging and wish to remain so. It is obvious to all that our Emergency Room and Operating Rooms, although serviceable, require major upgrades to better serve our patients. It is my desire that patients should feel that Caritas Good Samaritan provides the environment and equipment such that in times of stress patients and their families can feel confident that the best medical care is right here in our community of Brockton.

The employees of Good Samaritan Medical Center have incredible longevity with the organization and it has been my great pleasure to work with them through the years. As you may know, Cerberus Capital Management plans to fully fund the employee pension fund. Our hardworking employees, many of whom are part of the Brockton community deserve to receive the retirement that they have earned and expect.

The multimillion dollar construction that is ongoing as we speak will employ many Brocktonians in the construction phase and will allow for longterm employment as our hospital expands.

It is my belief that there is no significant difference in the medical care provided by a for-profit and a not for-profit organization. A for-profit would generate tax revenues for Brockton.

In closing, I hope that you will favorably consider the acquisition of Caritas Christi Healthcare by Cerberus Capital Management. Our patients will be better served, and an improved medical center will be a source of pride and comfort for Brockton.

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